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## Idaho Winter Wheat Production Unchanged from Last Month

Idaho's 2004 winter wheat production is forecast at 55.1 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast, but 4 percent less than last year's crop. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service report is based on June 1 conditions. The yield is forecasted to be 81 bushels per acre, also unchanged from last month, but 1 bushel per acre more than last year's yield. Acres to be harvested, at 680,000, represent a 40,000 acre decrease from 2003.

Idaho hops strung for harvest in 2004 totaled 3,505 acres, 2 percent more than last year's harvested area of 3,429 acres.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 1 percent from May 1 forecast and 10 percent below 2003. Based on June 1 conditions, the U. S. yield is forecast at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast and 3.1 bushels below last year. Area for grain harvest is 35.1 million acres, unchanged from last month but 4 percent less than 2003.

United States hops strung for harvest in 2004 totaled 27,946 acres, 3 percent less than the 2003 crop of 28,669 acres harvested, and 5 percent less than the 2002 crop of 29,309 acres harvested.

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